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USCIS Announces Extension of TPS Registration until January 18, 2011

MIAMI--- The director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alejandro Mayorkas announced on Monday, July 12, 2010 that the deadline for filing for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) has been extended to January 18, 2011. This will give much needed time to those who have yet to apply for TPS after the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010.

The TPS designation applies to Haitians who have lived in the United States continuously since January 12, 2010 and will not apply to those who entered the United States after January 12, 2010. Those who qualify can apply by filling out Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization. Those who are unable to afford the fees associated with applying for TPS may request a fee waiver with proper documentation supporting their inability to pay.

"I am pleased to hear about the extension to apply for TPS. The community has been requesting this extension and the U.S. federal government has responded favorably with its decision to extend the registration deadline. This is an opportunity for many Haitians to have a secured status in the United States and seek employment. My sincere hope is that those who have not applied take advantage," said Representative Brisé. For further information or to get referred to an organization that provides assistance with TPS, contact the Office of Representative Brisé at (305) 623-3600.

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